

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-40. (withdrawn)

41. (previously presented) A method for preparing a graft vessel for anastomosis, comprising:

- pulling the graft vessel through a tube held within a functional package;
- everting the graft vessel over an anastomosis device comprising one or more tines;
- poking one or more said tines through the graft vessel; and
- immersing said tube, said anastomosis device and said graft vessel in biocompatible fluid within said functional package.

42. (original) The method of claim 41, wherein said poking is performed by sliding a poke-through tool relative to said anastomotic device along a guide in said functional package.

43. (canceled)

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising loading said tube and the everted graft vessel into an anastomosis tool.

45. (previously presented) The method of claim 41, wherein said pulling is performed by sliding a pull-through tool relative to said tube.